Journalists links with underworld

1753. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the alleged underworld links with journalists;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any investigation was underway, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI) : (a) 'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects as per the Constitution of India. As such registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crime is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. No such case has come to the notice of the Intelligence Bureau or the Central Bureau of Investigation.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Action against LTTE and Al-Qaeda Alliance

†1754. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the September 11, incident in US, Government are aware of the fact that LTTE-Laden alliance may cause devastation in India;

(b) whether it is also a fact that alliance between LTTE and Al-Qaeda may have its reflection on South East Asia as per the intelligence sources; and

(c) if the answers to part (a) and (b) above are in affirmative, the full details of the strict action taken by Government against such terrorist organisations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (b) There is no specific input to confirm links between LTTE and Al Qaeda.

(c) Does not arise.

BSF Report on terrorist activities in Jammu and Kashmir

†1755. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the report submitted by the intelligence wing of BSF to the Ministry, in the wake of the situation developed following the intensification of activities of eight terrorist organizations in the valley, after the attack on J&K legislative Assembly; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.